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1. Vladimir G. Sayadiants (with aliases Lituinenko, Lituenko, Saydianz, and Saidian) was born at Nahitcherzan, Russia, in 1897. He is of Armenian parentage and speaks only fair Russian. He has a wife, Nina Stepanova, and two daughters, Miss Ala Sayadiants and Mrs. Tamara Vladimirovna Sayadiants Tomasheyskava.
2. Sayadiants came to Manchuria (date unstated), and worked as an engineer on the Chinese railways. In 1937 to 1939 he was the Far Eastern representative of Sovkino. In 1939 he is reported to have been connected with persons engaged in the narcotics traffic and was refused facilities to visit Hong Kong except in direct transit. While in Shanghai he joined Asia Films of China and in March 1942 he visited India to establish a market for Russian films.
3. He became established in Bombay in July 1943 where he made a number of questionable contacts. He shared an interest in Asia Films of China with one Dziubinsky until the arrival of A.C. Martin\* and Tatiana Kretova. A.C. Martin is reported to have been the Soviet film distributor for Bombay in October 1947. Tatiana Kretova became the secretary of Sayadiants and also his mistress. She has been reported as his "wife" on occasions. Another associate of Sayadiants is one Elshin\*\*. Sayadiants reorganized the Asia Films of China (Bombay) as the Soviet Film Distributors in July 1945 after a visit from Elshin.
4. In August 1945, Sayadiants' wife and daughter visited him in Bombay. Accompanied by Tatiana Kretova, he visited Shanghai in November 1945 to reorganize Asia Films of China. He is known to have left Calcutta for Teheran 24 August 1946 and to have returned 1 October 1946. He again visited Shanghai, 12 January 1947. He arrived at Hong Kong en route for Bombay with his daughter on 11 January 1948, and arrived in Calcutta en route for Bombay, 13 January 1948.
5. Sayadiants holds Passport No. 14286 issued by the Soviet Embassy at Chungking, 23 April 1943. He is reported to be using an official Passport No. 17285 issued to him on 17 January 1948.

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25X1A2g \* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. A.C. Martin is referred to as Mr. C.A. Martin in ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ which deals with the distribution of Soviet Films in Calcutta.

25X1A6a \*\* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Elshin is believed to be the same party as A.N. Elshin, Soviet Trade agent, who was a member of the Soviet Trade Commission, New Delhi, July 1947. Other information shows A.N. Elshin to be the head of the Soviet Trade Commission as of May 1948, and residing in Calcutta.

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